

# **Annual Report For Parks and Green Spaces Committee Of Chevy Chase Village**

**April 21, 2014**

The purpose of the committee is to preserve, maintain and improve our parks and green spaces.

The committee responds to resident requests and complaints, reports problems to the office such as downed fences and dead shrubs. It has been involved this year with working on a 3 – 5 year plan for each of the Village's parks. Board members Elissa Leonard and Michael Denger have actively engaged in the process and met with the committee during the fall in three of the four parks now being examined for long term plans.

Because of pending sewer work and other complicating factors, Laurel Park was excluded from consideration for long term plans this year.

This committee works with the Tree Committee, Public Works, The Administration, the Board of Managers and other committees as needed.

It is the committee's suggestion that removing invasive non-native plants and dead or dying trees and shrubs should be the first order of business with our parks.

Lila Fendrick, a local landscape architect and garden designer, was hired by the Village in March 2014 to give recommendations to the Board of Managers and the Parks and Green Spaces Committee for 3 – 5 year plans for the following 4 parks: Newlands Park and Brookville Road Park (At Quincy St.) in the East Village and the Large and Small Triangle parks at Oliver Street in the West Village.

The Parks and Green Spaces Committee welcomes all interested residents who would like to join us. Each park has a sponsor or sponsors called Citizen Scouts, preferably neighbors of that area, who regularly visit the space to check on particular needs such as pruning, trash removal, plant health that are reported to the committee and the administration.

The committee would especially like to thank the Board for its help during the past year.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Elliott and Susan Kilborn, Co-Chairs